

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Newcomer Road Pratt Half-Hip Truss Bridge

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

carries Newcomer Road over Beaver Creek

CITY, TOWN

Roxbury

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Board of Commissioners of Washington County

Telephone #: 791-3090

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Summit Avenue, Court House Annex

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

WR-II-475

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Smith Bridge Co., Toledo, Ohio

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This typical Pratt half-hip pony through truss bridge was probably constructed in the early 20th century to carry the Newcomer Road across Beaver Creek, southeast of Roxbury, Washington County, Maryland. This particular type of Pratt truss bridge was utilized from the late 19th century to the present.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Hnedak, M-DOT Survey Team Captain

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Summer, 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw House

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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Maryland Historical Trust

September 11, 1980

Mr. Jack S. Hawbaker  
Director of Planning  
33 West Washington Street  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Dear Mr. Hawbaker:

In a recent survey the Maryland Historical Trust undertook for the Maryland Department of Transportation, a late 19th century Pratt truss bridge was surveyed and added to the Washington County historic sites survey that Ms. Paula Stoner Reed completed for you a few years ago.

We have enclosed a xerox copy of the survey form, which is a temporary one until additional information about this structure can be found. I was particularly hopeful that the county's highway department might have some information of this structure that we could add to the survey form itself.

If you do find any information on this bridge, we would appreciate it if you would forward it to this office when you have the opportunity to do so.

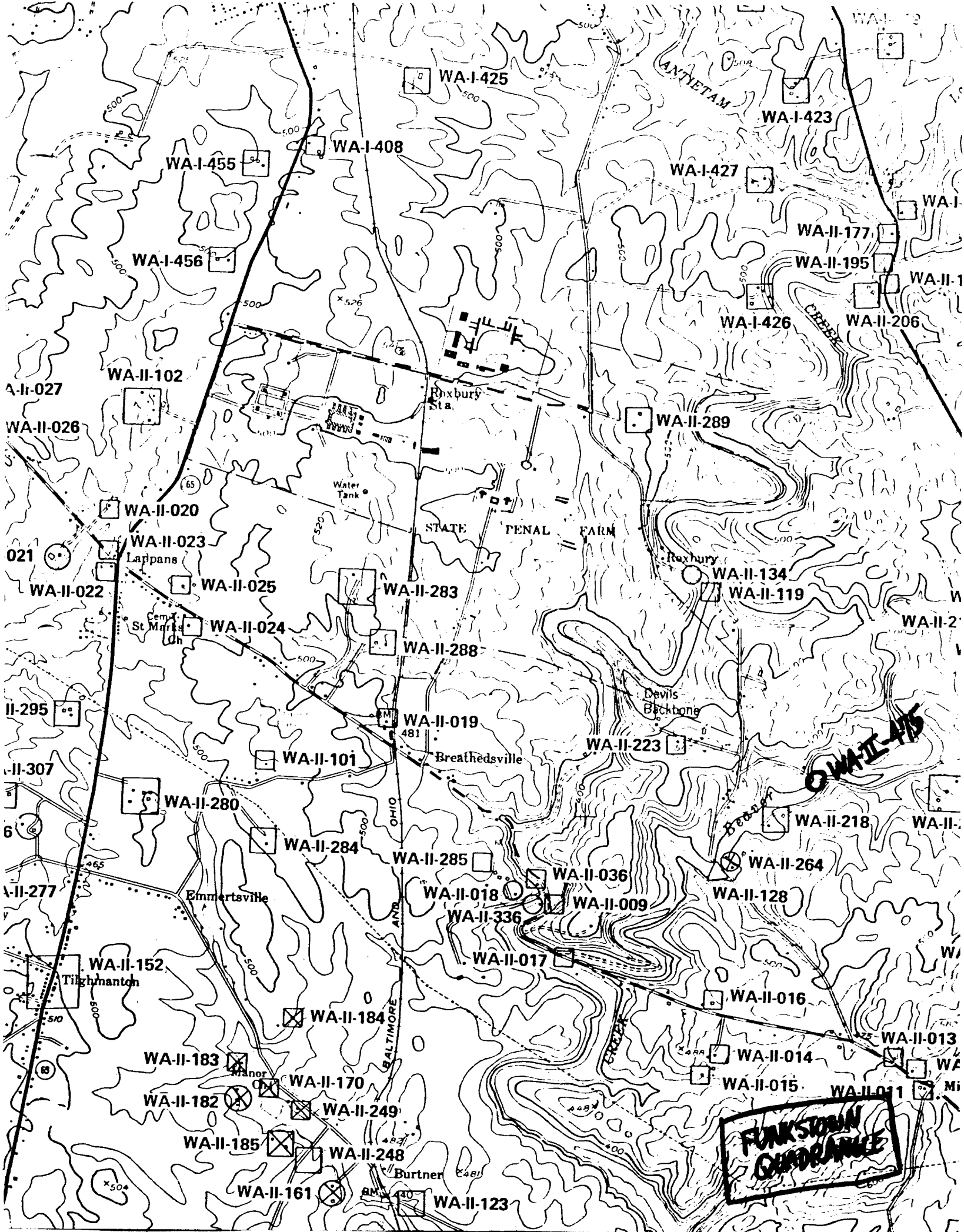
Please note that you should also add the map location to your set of quadrangle maps for the survey.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Edwards  
Historic Sites Survey  
Coordinator

MRE:me  
enclosure  
cc: Mr. John Hnedak





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NEWCOMER ROAD PRATT HALF-HIP TRUSS  
BRIDGE

General view of bridge

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NEWCOMER ROAD PRATT HALF-HIP TRUSS  
BRIDGE

Maker's plaque "Smith Bridge Co.,  
Toledo, Ohio"

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BRIDGE

Detail of pin connections  
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